

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
JUNE 8, 2005**

A Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Krodel who presided.

UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Greg A. Krodel – Chairman
Mike Harder – Vice Chairman
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner
Edward J. Kreilein – Wastewater Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager
Kenneth R. Schultz – Business Manager
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

ABSENT:

Ken Sendelweck – Secretary
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner
Alex Emmons – Gas Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (A-20)

Chairman Greg Krodel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BID OPENING: SLUDGE DRYING BEDS – WASTEWATER (A-29)

Chad Hurm, City Engineer, came before the Board to request an extension on the bid period for the Sludge Drying Beds until 7:00PM on June 20, 2005.

Hurm said no official bids have been received, but he has made some contacts and there are some people interested.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to extend the bidding period for the Sludge Drying Beds to June 20, 2005 at 7:00 PM. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT (A-95)

Jerry Schitter presented a pole attachment license agreement with Insight for approval. He also presented a spreadsheet showing the new agreement pricing for the period of 2005 – 2009.

Schitter stated the extra income from the new 5-year contract would be \$22,905.00, with the estimated expense for the new contract to be \$2,000.00.

Mike Harder made a motion to approve the new pole attachment license agreement with Insight as presented by Jerry Schitter. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

CHANGE ORDER – COOLING TOWER ASBESTOS REMOVAL (A-157)

Windell Toby presented a change order for the Cooling Tower Asbestos Removal project for \$978.00 to Elite Environmental to repair structural damage that was found while removing asbestos panels.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve the change order for \$978.00 on the Cooling Tower Asbestos Removal project. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

GENERATOR ROTOR – UPDATE (A-167)

Windell Toby reported he and Mike Gadlage visited NEC to see the damage to the copper in the rotor. Toby said he met with an engineer from Orbital Technical Solutions while at NEC. Toby said the damage to the copper was obvious and it was so soft it could be bent with one hand.

SEWER RELINING (A-248)

Tom Lents asked for Board approval to proceed with an on-going sewer relining project with American Water Services for 1,133 feet of 8” line and 1,641 feet of 10” line, at a cost of \$97,598.00.

Lents said he prefers using u-liner because it’s the only relining system he knows of that is heated after it is in place in the existing sewer. This is important because it allows for better sealing around lateral line connection points and manhole connections, as it does a better job of eliminating ground water leaks. Also u-liner is made of a high density polyethylene, which is more ductile than the poly vinyl chloride material other liner systems use, and it leaves a more substantial liner in place.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Tom Lents to proceed with sewer relining with American Water Services for \$97,598.00. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

NEWTON ST. WATER TANK PROJECT (A-278)

Mike Oeding informed the Board that Diversified Coatings has asked permission to work this weekend, weather permitting, on the Newton St. water tank.

Oeding explained that Diversified Coatings is responsible for all overtime involved.

Oeding said the project should be complete in 2-3 weeks.

The Board did not object to allowing Diversified Coatings to work this weekend.

BIENNIAL RATE STUDY – WASTEWATER (A-333)

Ken Schultz reminded the Board that at the May meeting he asked for approval to proceed with a biennial rate study for the Wastewater Utility and the Board requested that he contact other communities to find out what they were paying for rate studies and to establish a benchmark against H. J. Umbaugh’s cost.

Schultz said he sent nine emails and received three responses with costs ranging from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

Schultz said he contacted H. J. Umbaugh and told them that the Board and the Council are concerned about money and asked them to “sharpen their pencil” and come up with a proposal.

Schultz said H. J. Umbaugh has proposed \$8,500 to do the biennial rate study, which includes one meeting with the Board. Then they will give a credit of \$2,500 for all the previous business that we have given them, bringing down the cost of the rate study to \$6,000.

Schultz explained there has not been a sewer rate increase for approximately six years and the last rate study result was borderline for a rate increase. If a rate increase is recommended from this study, Schultz said he feels at least one additional meeting with the Board would be necessary, and according to the proposal, any additional meetings that H. J. Umbaugh comes to, over and above the first one, would be billed at \$1,250 per meeting.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve the proposal for the biennial Wastewater rate study from H. J. Umbaugh as presented. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM upon motion by Ed Kreilein and second by Mike Harder. Motion approved, 4-0.

Attest: _____
Secretary Chairman